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Title : A METHOD OF SHARING INFORMATION
AMONG A PLURALITY OF STATIONS IN A
FRAME-BASED COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraphs on Page 12, lines 11 - 21 , and replace them with the following new paragraphs:

--Fig. 70 shows a VoIP system in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 71 shows packet arrival timing relationships in accordance with the present invention.

Figs. 72a and 72b show transmit queues before and after priority frame reordering respectively in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 73 depicts a VoIP system in accordance with the present invention.

Figs. 74 and 75 show upstream and downstream latency components in accordance with the present invention.--